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TAGS: TGEN, IN, US
SUBJECT: ASSURANCES ON TARAPUR

REF: NEW DELHI 8933

1. AS YET WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ASSURANCES REQUESTED FROM GOI. AS RESULT NUCLEAR SENSORS NEEDED TO START UP TARAPUR II REACTOR STILL NOT APPROVED FOR EXPORT BY AEC.

2. EMBASSY ECONOMICS MINISTER RAMAKRISHNA CONFIRMED TO NEA/INS THAT SOME GUIDANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DELHI, BUT SUGGESTED IT WAS IN NATURE OF PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON WHICH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED RATHER THAN INSTRUCTIONS ON USG REQUEST. HE NOTED THAT 235 MW BADLY NEEDED POWER WERE DOWN AS RESULT INABILITY
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TO OBTAIN SENSORS. WE SAID THAT AS SOON AS REQUESTED

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ASSURANCE RECEIVED EXPORT APPROVAL WOULD BE ISSUED AND
GOODS COULD BE SHIPPED.

3. WHILE HELD-UP SHIPMENT OF SENSORS FOR TARAPUR HAS
NOT COME INTO PUBLIC DOMAIN, QUESTION OF ENRICHED
URANIUM SHIPMENTS WAS DISCUSSED LAST WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL
HEARINGS ON NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS,
AEC GENERAL MANAGER EXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES OF JUNE 19
EXPORT OF ENRICHED URANIUM AND REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES
FROM GOI. ONLY PRESS PICK-UP OF WHICH WE AWARE BY

JULY 13 WAS WASHINGTON POST, MAIN FOCUS OF WHICH WAS
ON CHARGES BY SENATOR JACKSON THAT WE HAD BEEN AWARE
BEFORE MAY 18 OF UNSUCCESSFUL INDIAN EFFORT EXPLODE
DEVICE.

4. TARAPUR QUESTION ALSO CAME UP DURING JULY 15 CALLS
ON SENATORS JACKSON AND MUSKIE BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.
AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED ACTION WE HAD TAKEN AND MADE
AVAILABLE COPIES OF LETTER SENT JUNE 19 TO INDIAN AEC
CHAIRMAN SETHNA.

5. IN CASE ANY PRESS QUESTIONS ASKED, AEC PLANNING USE
GUIDANCE PROVIDED STATE 134613, AND IF NECESSARY
ADDITIONAL Q'S AND A'S AS FOLLOWS:

Q: HAS A RESPONSE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE INDIANS?

A: NO, NOT AS YET.

Q: WHEN IS THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM
SUPPOSED TO BE MADE?

A: BY OCTOBER 1, 1974 (4,590 KGS.)

Q: IF THE INDIANS DO NOT PROVIDE THE REASSURANCES
REQUESTED BY THEN, WILL THE AEC HOLD UP ON THE OCTOBER
SHIPMENT?

A: IF THIS SITUATION ARISES, WE WILL CONSIDER IT IN
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LIGHT OF OUR STATED POLICY. (PARA 2 STATE 134613)

Q: ARE ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR TARAPUR AFFECTED BY THIS
SITUATION?

A: THE SHIPMENT OF FOUR NUCLEAR SENSORS, CONTAINING
A TOTAL OF 25 MILLIGRAMS OF ENRICHED URANIUM, FOR THE
TARAPUR REACTORS, ARE BEING HELD UP PENDING RECEIPT

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OF THE ASSURANCES REQUESTED. THESE WERE SCHEDULED FOR
SHIPMENT IN EARLY JULY. KISSINGER

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